

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

#### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

- 1-18. (Canceled)
19. (New) A vertical takeoff and landing aircraft, comprising:
- a first ducted rotor and a second ducted rotor mutually aligned and distanced according to a vertical axis and each including a propeller rotatable within a respective annular cowling,
  - a vertical load bearing structure defining a fuselage to whose upper and lower ends are connected said annular cowlings respectively of said first and second rotor,
  - first and second motorized means positioned at said ends of the fuselage to drive the propellers of said first and second rotor in mutually opposite directions, and
  - control means operatively associated at least to said lower rotor,
- wherein said motorized means include for each ducted rotor a respective pair of internal combustion engines.